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FOLLOWING ARE POST SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE VISIT AND
ITINERARIES OF ONE AND TWO DAYS FOR CODEL.

(A) ONE DAY VISIT
8:00 A.M. - EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR CODEL

9:00-10:30A.M. - CHAIRMAN, PLUS 9 MEMBERS OF CODEL MEET WITH
GOG FOREIGN MINISTER, RASHLEIGH JACKSON; DURING SAME
PERIOD OTHER 10 MEMBERS OF CODEL WILL MEET WITH GOG
MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES HUBERT JACK

10:45A.M. - CHAIRMAN, PLUS 9 MEMBERS CODEL MEET WITH GOG
MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DESMOND HOYTE, AND
MEMBERS OF STATE PLANNING COMMISSION. REST OF CODEL WILL
DIVIDE INTO SEPARATE GROUPS FOR MEETINGS AT SAME HOUR
WITH:

(A) UNDP REPRESENTATIVE TREVOR GORDON-SOMERS
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(B) CARICOM ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL JOE TYNDALL

12:30 PM - LUNCHEON TO BE HOSTED BY GOG MINISTER OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR AMBASSADOR. SELECTED INVITEES
FROM HIGH RANKING GOG OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY

LATE AFTERNOON (HOUR TO BE FIXED) - CHAIRMAN, PLUS 4 MEMBERS

CODEL MEET WITH GOG PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM AND GOG
FINANCE MINISTER, FRANK HOPE. REST OF CODEL WILL
MEET WITH COMBINED EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF GEORGETOWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND GUYANA MANUFACTURERS'
ASSOCIATION

7:30 PM - RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR OR GOG MINISTER
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. INVITEES WILL BE HIGH
RANKING GOG OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE
BUSINESS SECTOR, SELECTED MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC
COMMUNITY

(B) TWO DAY VISIT

CODEL COULD SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS AND VISIT FOLLOWING SITES
ON SECOND DAY:

(1) IDB PROJECT

HALF-DAY TOUR OF MAHAICONY-MAHAICA-ABARY (MMA) WATER CONTROL,
DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION PROJECT. THIS IS THE ONLY PROJECT
PRESENTLY FINANCED BY IDB. LOAN WAS SIGNED FEBRUARY 1978
FOR APPROXIMATELY US\$50 MILLION.

THE WATER CONTROL, DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR
THIS AREA WILL MAKE AN ADDITIONAL 23,000 ACRES AVAIL-
ABLE FOR AGRICULTURAL CULTIVATION BY PROVIDING FOR MORE
EFFECTIVE AND BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THE REGION'S LAND
AND WATER RESOURCES. WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED,
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THE AREA WILL BECOME ONE OF THE CHIEF FOCAL POINTS
FOR PROMOTING GREATER AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION.
THREE OTHER PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY WITH IDB:
(A) FOOD CROP; (B) HEALTH SERVICES; (C) LIVESTOCK AND
DAIRY.

(C) CDB PROJECTS

THERE ARE NO CDB PROJECTS IN GUYANA FUNDED FROM USG
SOURCES. ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1977 A CDB LOAN WAS MADE
TO THE GUYANA AGRICULTURAL COOPEAATIVE BANK TO PROVIDE
FUNDS FOR RE-LENDING TO FARMERS. A FIRST TRANCHE OF
SIX MILLION GUYANA DOLLARS HAS BEEN FULLY DISBURSED.
A SECOND TRANCHE FOR TEN MILLION GUYANA DOLLARS IS ABOUT
TO BE DISBURSED. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD
TRANCHE FOR 10 MILLION GUYANA DOLLARS BEING MADE
AVAILABLE UNDER THIS LOAN AGREEMENT.
THERE IS ONE OTHER CDB PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
FEEDER ROADS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF EIGHT MILLION
GUYANA DOLLARS. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BUT
NOT IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF LOCAL COUNTERPART
FUNDS.

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(D) OTHER SITES FOR POSSIBLE VISITS

(A) MMA RICE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
LOCATED IN SAME AREA AS IDB-FINANCED WATER CONTROL, DRAINAGE
AND IRRIGATION PROJECT. SCHEME IS ONE OF THREE SUCH
PROJECTS OF GOG TO PROMOTE INCREASED RICE PRODUCTION THROUGH
INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF ACREAGE UNDER CULTIVATION AND
IMPROVED YIELDS.

(B) ENROUTE TO GEORGETOWN FROM MMA, VISIT LBI SUGAR
PLANTATION.
THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT SUGAR PRODUCTION INSTALLATION IN
THE GEORGETOWN AREA AND A BRIEF TOUR OF IT WILL ENABLE
CODEL TO OBTAIN GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF OPERATIONS OF
GUYANA'S SUGAR INDUSTRY, THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST PRODUCER
OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. MOREOVER, OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE
PROVIDED FOR OBSERVATION OF HOW SUGAR INDUSTRY WILL BE
INCORPORATED INTO GOG'S RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AGRICULTURAL
DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM.
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(C) VISIT MOBLISSA DAIRY PROJECT
THIS PROJECT AIMS AT BREEDING
OF DAIRY CATTLE AND PRO-
DUCTION OF MILK FOR CONSUMPTION AND AS A BASIC RAW
MATERIAL FOR INDIGENOUS SUBSIDIARY DAIRY PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.
IT IS ESTIMATED THAT WHEN FULL PRODUCTION IS REACHED, THE
MAJOR MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS REQUIREMENTS OF GUYANA
CAN BE SATISFIED; WITH SURPLUS PRODUCTION GOING TO
MARKETS IN OTHER CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES. THIS PROJECT
WILL ALSO ENABLE GUYANA TO MAKE SIZEABLE FOREIGN EX-
CHANGE SAVINGS, SINCE ITS MAIN MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS
REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING MET THROUGH IMPORTS OF THESE
COMMODITIES THROUGH THE EEC.

(C) THE POST'S PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR CODEL ARE TENTATIVE,
ANY SUBSTITUTIONS CODEL WISHES TO MAKE
OF VISITS FOR MEETINGS AND VICE VERSA WILL BE ACCEPTABLE
TO THE POST.
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